AN ORDINANCE BY COUNCILMEMBER MICHAEL JULIAN BOND

AS SUBSTITUTED BY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 150 ("TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES"), ARTICLE IV ("STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING"), DIVISION 4 ("RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING"), SECTIONS 150-147 ("PROGRAM ESTABLISHED"), 150-154 ("UNIFORMITY OF PARKING REGULATIONS") AND 150-157 ("LIMITATION ON PERMIT USE") OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA CODE OF ORDINANCES SO AS TO EXEMPT ALL RESIDENTIAL PERMIT PARKING AREAS CREATED BEFORE APRIL 2011 FROM THE TWO-HOUR EXEMPTION FOR NON-PERMITTED VEHICLES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, since July 2002, the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances has allowed non-residents to park for up to two-hours in a designated residential permit parking area; and,

WHEREAS, the intent of the residential permit parking program, which includes reducing non-residential vehicles and the accompanying air pollution, traffic congestion, illegal parking as well as the intent to improve pedestrian safety, is weakened by the ability of non-permitted cars to park for up to two-hours with said permitted areas; and,

WHEREAS, holders of residential permit parking areas have uniformly expressed dissatisfaction with the two-hour exemption.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Section 150-147 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances is amended as set out below in bold text, to revise said section as follows:

Sec. 150-147. - Program established.

There is established a residential permit parking program whereby motor vehicles bearing a special parking permit issued pursuant to this division may be parked in excess of the time limits posted on streets within certain areas known as residential permit parking areas. **Except for those residential permit parking areas created before April 2011,** parking a motor vehicle on a street within a residential permit parking area shall be restricted to a two-hour period for an established 12-hour period, in the vicinity of the traffic generator unless the motor vehicle displays such valid parking permit.

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SECTION 2: Section 150-154 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances is amended as set out below in bold text, to revise said section as follows:

Sec. 150-154. - Uniformity of parking regulations.

- (a) Within each discrete residential permit parking area there shall be uniform parking regulations applied to all locations where parking is allowed. Upon approval of a residential permit parking area, the office of transportation shall have parking regulation signs installed within the area indicating the time, location and conditions under which parking in excess of two hours shall be by permit only except for those residential permit parking areas created before April 2011.
- (b) Except for those residential permit parking areas created before April 2011, parking a motor vehicle on a street within a residential permit parking area shall be restricted to a two-hour period unless the motor vehicle displays a valid residential parking permit for that area during which the residential permit parking program is in effect. No residential permit parking program shall be established that exceeds a 12-hour period per day.

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SECTION 3: Section 150-157 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances is amended as set out below in bold text, to revise said section as follows:

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WHEREAS, the 10-O-0468 was introduced by the Department of Public Works, Office of Transportation, in March 2010, reviewed by impacted Neighborhood Planning Units (NPUs), adopted by the City Council and approved by the Mayor in July 2010; and,

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